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Martinez, April 17, 1897

My dear Mr Johnson,

I can't recall Peter French Im sorry to say; but I ll write to Mr S. H. Young who may be Governor of Alaska, & lived there 10 yrs, who doubtless knew him. I'll tell him to send you any good word he can.

Glad to hear the good woods news, Sargent wrote very despondingly the other day,--said his only hope was in the President--which Im glad to see justified. You & Sargent must make Bliss miserable until you get the green woods into him through the drygoods.

I have sent (yesterday) an article to Harper's Weekly on the Parks & Re[serves] but whether it will do much good or not I don't know. I made it as strong as I could but the conversion of thieves by articles is rather hopless. We are sure to win at last--but while lawgivers deliberate the trees burn & soon there will be nothing to save.

I have done little besides forest talking & writing for the last two months. Now Im trying to write a forest article or two for the Atlantic, & possibly if these [s]hould be sucessful the Century may want an article on the same subject.

Ever yours

J. M.